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1. Subject despatch consists of a report on the status of food supplies and prices in state and free market retail outlet in Central and Eastern Ukraine during the period 4-15 May 1957.

2. The information on food supplies and prices contained in the subject despatch is of value to I/CI in the performance of its mission. Soviet consumer price data are used extensively in analysis of certain aspects of the Soviet economy, particularly living standards. While primary reliance is placed on prices prevailing in Moscow retail outlets, prices from other areas are extremely useful in determining the extent of regional price differentials.

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